

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 10-11, 20-22, 24, 30-34, 36-38, 40-42, 44-46, 48 and 49 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 30, 31, 32, and 33 are the independent claims. Claims 1, 2, 10-11, 20-22, 24, 30-34, 36-38, 40-42, 44-46, 48 and 49 are amended. Claims 25-27, 35, 39, 43, and 47 are cancelled without any intent of prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Claims 3-9, 12-19, 23, and 28-29 were previously cancelled. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.133(b)

In response to the telephonic discussion conducted with the Examiner on November 24, 2008, the dependency of claims 36, 40, 44, and 48 has been corrected in this reply. Specifically, claim 36 now depends from claim 30, claim 40 now depends from claim 31, claim 44 now depends from claim 32, and claim 48 now depends from claim 33.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 – Setogawa

Claims 1-2, 10-11, 20-22, 24-27, and 30-49 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,424,793("Setogawa"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

With regard to independent claim 1, the Examiner asserts that Setogawa teaches all of the claim limitations, as the Examiner cites column 1, lines 23-31 and column 8, lines 53-67 in making this assertion.¹ Applicant asserts that Setogawa

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does not teach “a data area storing a first video data associated with a main reproduction path of the video data and a second video data associated with a side reproduction path of the video data, the side reproduction path being a side path to the main reproduction path” and “the main reproduction path being suspended during reproduction of the side reproduction path and resumed at the suspended position after the reproduction of the side reproduction path,” as recited in claim 1.

Applicant draws the Examiner's attention to column 8, lines 53-67 which describes an angle menu. Applicant submits that this angle menu is merely disclosing a change of viewing angle while replaying video data obtained through shooting an object simultaneously from different angles. Applicant asserts that column 8, lines 53-67 do not teach “suspending” reproduction of a “main reproduction path” during the reproduction of a “side reproduction path,” as recited in claim 1. Furthermore, Applicant asserts that Setogawa is not disclosing “resuming” reproduction of a “main reproduction path” at a point where the “main reproduction path” was suspended, following reproduction of the “side reproduction path,” as recited in claim 1. Applicant submits that Setogawa is only teaching replaying a DVD by offering multi-angle video data obtained by shooting an object simultaneously from different angles, and for at least this reason Applicant asserts that Setogawa does not teach “the main reproduction path being suspended during reproduction of the side reproduction path and resumed at the suspended position after the reproduction of the side reproduction path,” as recited in claim 1.

Applicant further asserts that Setogawa fails to disclose each of the components of the “data structure” recited in claim 1. Specifically, Applicant asserts that Setogawa fails to disclose “a playlist area storing a first playlist file including a playitem

identifying the first video data and a second playlist file including a playitem identifying the second video data” and “a navigation area storing a navigation file including a first path item including a navigation command executing the first playlist file and a second path item including a navigation command executing the second playlist file,” as recited in claim 1, the “first playlist” and the “first path item” used for reproduction of a main path and the “second playlist” and the “second path item” used for reproduction of a side path. Applicant draws the Examiner’s attention to FIG. 15 and column 2, lines 1-19 of Setogawa which disclose that reproduction of the video data is merely managed by a PGC (program chain). Applicant submits that the PGC manages the reproduction of the video data by including a navigation command that directly identifies the video data (VOB cells). Applicant asserts that Setogawa does not teach video data being managed by both a “navigation file” and a “playlist files”, the “navigation file” including a “first path item” and a “second path item” each using respective navigation commands to execute playlist files. For at least these reasons Applicant asserts that Setogawa does not teach a data structure including “a playlist area storing a first playlist file including a playitem identifying the first video data and a second playlist file including a playitem identifying the second video data” and “a navigation area storing a navigation file including a first path item including a navigation command executing the first playlist file and a second path item including a navigation command executing the second playlist file,” as recited in claim 1.

With regard to independent claims 30, 31, 32, and 33, Applicant asserts that these claims contain features similar to independent claim 1 such that they are patentable for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

Additionally with regard to independent claim 33, Applicant asserts that Setogawa does not teach a navigation file in a navigation area, and a playlist file in a playlist area, where "the playlist area physically separated from the navigation area of the recording medium," as recited in claim 33. Specifically, Applicant asserts that Setogawa does not disclose the physical separation of a "navigation file" and a "playlist file," as recited in claim 33, and for at least this reason Applicant asserts that Setogawa does not teach all of the limitations of claim 33.

For at least the reasons stated above related to independent claims 1, 30, 31, 32, and 33, Applicant asserts that these claims are patentable. Due at least to the dependence of claims 2, 10-11, 20-22, 24, 34, 36-38, 40-42, 4-46, and 48-49 on the independent claims, Applicant asserts that these claims are also patentable. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that this art ground of rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. §102 be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks and amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that each of the rejections has been addressed and overcome, placing the present application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

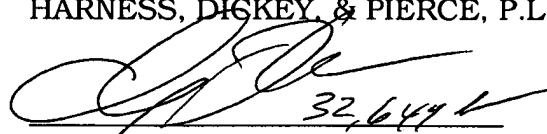
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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